

Personal News, Facts, Fancies and Brief Happenings Abroad as Told by the Cables

**GERMAN OFFICERS, GUILTY OF MURDER, BEYOND THE LAW**  
Sentenced in Belgium, but One Is Dead, Other Has Disappeared.  
A TRAGEDY OF THE WAR  
Crime Started by Flirtation in Castle Where They Were Billed.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Brussels, Sept. 2.—Details of the sensational murder of a wealthy Belgian nobleman by two German army officers, one of them a Prince, were brought to light in the trial of the two men by a Belgian court in Ghent, which has resulted in death sentences being imposed on the two culprits.

When the war broke out Count d'Udekem d'Acoz, a very wealthy Belgian, lived in his castle, Ruddervoorde, near Brugge. When the Germans invaded the territory the staff of one of the Kaiser's crack regiments of Uhlans of the Guards cavalry division made its headquarters in the beautiful castle of the Count.

Among the officers was Baron Friedrich Rickoff von Gergern, a handsome young officer, who soon started a flirtation with Countess d'Acoz, wife of the owner of the castle. With the Countess this became a genuine love affair, but the German officer was prompted in his advances by a more sinister motive. He wanted to gain possession of the Count's estate and wealth. As neither a divorce nor a legal separation would do, he decided to obtain an elopement would have answered his purpose. Von Gergern decided to get rid of the Count. He would do it in a neat way, by forcing the Count to fight a duel in which the unsuspecting husband would never have a chance.

Provoking His Host.  
Before he could carry out his plans the headquarters of the regiment, which had been in the Count's castle from December, 1914, until March, 1915, was transferred to Limburg. There Von Gergern told a fellow officer that the Count had insulted him and asked the officer to act as his second in a challenge to which he was willing to accept. The Count, when this man returned, Von Gergern sought out the easy going Prince von Stobber-Rossia, who agreed readily without even asking what the quarrel was about.

**Mother, Sister, and Is Now Wife to Her Adopted Son**  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—A sentiment transformed from a mother's love to that of a wife was the experience of Mrs. Mathilde Schickel of Brentwood, who has just married her foster son, Robert Schickel. She adopted him fifteen years ago when he was a youngster and she a girl wife. Since then Richard has grown to be a fine, handsome fellow and her husband has died. "I was both a mother and sister to him, now I am his wife and love him more than ever," said the bride.

**DIDN'T CASH CHECK BUT HAD GOOD TIME**  
Berlin Letter Carrier Under Arrest for Celebrating With Stolen Draft.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Berlin, Sept. 2.—A saloon keeper, a mail carrier and ten of their relieving friends are richer by one rousing day and considerable wine as the result of possessing an American check which they did not cash. Miriam R. Walter, owner of the check, has received it intact and has cashed it at the gorgeous rate of exchange now prevailing.

**'OLD VIC' TO FEATURE SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY**  
Many Early Operas Also at London's Historic Theater.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—"Old Vic," with a magnificent new endowment, will reopen on September 16 with "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Miss Baylis in announcing the plans of the famous repertory company from which scores of London's most distinguished actors have graduated, says that the full alterations contemplated for the theater cannot be carried out this season. However, a long platform over the front of the stage and orchestra will be installed, enabling the present Miss Baylis to announce the plans of the famous repertory company from which scores of London's most distinguished actors have graduated, says that the full alterations contemplated for the theater cannot be carried out this season.

**FRENCH ARTISTS READY TO ADMIT OLD FOES**  
Vote 49 to 1 in Favor of Letting Them Exhibit in Paris.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Paris, Sept. 2.—A canvass recently taken among French artists as to the advisability of again permitting German and Austrian artists to exhibit their works in forthcoming French expositions resulted in 49 answers in favor of readmitting them and only one against. Many of those whose opinion was asked fought in the war, one of them having been a prisoner of war.

**LORD ROSEBERY TO SEE KING AT EDINBURGH**  
Despite Age Insists on Going to Scotch Capital.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—Lord Rosebery, who is celebrating his eightieth birthday, has been reported about to marry one of the daughters of King Alfonso of Spain, one of the Rumanian princesses, several Russian grand duchesses and several ladies of the British court.

**KAISER NO LONGER HIDES BEHIND FENCE**  
Plainly Visible as He Continues to Saw Down Trees at Doorn.  
HAS LESS CARE IN DRESS

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**ANCIENT WELL OPENS AT STAPLES INN**  
Mouth Covered With Plants and Roots, Which Give Way.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—Americans who have marveled at the ancient timbered facade of Staples Inn in Holborn will appreciate the feeling of the stenographer who was preparing to eat lunch beneath the historic plane trees in the courtyard when the ground suddenly sank beneath her. She had just time to spring back before the earth fell in and a deep hole yawned before her.

**PRINCESS YOLANDA MAY WED BELGIAN PRINCE**  
Report Again Current in Rome of Early Announcement.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—The report again is current that the engagement of Princess Yolanda to the heir to the Belgian throne is to be announced shortly. The two young people probably hold the record among European nobility in the number of times they have been reported engaged to various persons.

**SAYS WOMEN CAN BEST HANDLE DRUNKEN MEN**  
Plea They Be Retained on London's Police Force.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—"A drunken man is easier for a policeman to handle than a drunken woman because men are more used to being handled by women when they are drunk," declared Commandant Miss Grace Allen of the women's auxiliary police force of London at a meeting of the National Women's Societies for Equal Citizenship. Miss Allen was arguing in favor of retaining the women on the London force, they having been displaced by the present economy program.

**DEBT REMISSION FOR PEACE ONLY**  
Germany Must End Inflation to Escape Ruin.  
Age of Discretion Judicially Settled.  
Wm. McMurtrie Speer

**MARCEL, INVENTOR OF THE 'ONLY' WAVE**  
Paris Will Honor Discoverer Who Retired With Fortune.  
TO RECEIVE GIFT OF BUST

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**MUSHROOMS ENDANGER PALACE OF VERSAILLES**  
Eating Their Way Through Woodwork of Beams.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Paris, Sept. 2.—Because huge mushrooms of the poisonous type known as Phellium cryptarium have elected to grow on the large wooden beams of the Versailles Chateau it is reported that the building is in danger and immediate repairs must be made if one wing is to be saved. Henceforth all windows are to be kept open for three hours daily in an attempt to exterminate the mushrooms, which it is said spread with great rapidity and eat their way right through the woodwork. Phellium cryptarium mushrooms, which hate fresh air and sunlight, were recently discovered in an abandoned school house in Etampes where they caused the building to collapse.

**EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY UNSCRUPULOUS CROOK**  
Robbed, Burned, Raided and Stole a Vicious Horse.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—When Charles Mason, who lives in Ramsgate, tried to sell a horse for three halfpence he went a step too far and fell into the hands of the law.

**ADVISES HARD WORK RULE FOR LONG LIFE**  
French Woman, 101, Reads Without Glasses, Enjoys Wine  
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**BRITISH WAR HEROES IN LONDON THEATER CHORUSES**  
Men Who Led Charges and Took Trenches Take Jobs on Stage Owing to Widespread Unemployment and Give Excellent Performances.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—Why are chorus men? used to be a question asked by theatergoers, but it has finally been answered—because it means a job. As several theaters are giving preference to men who served in the war, chorus work for men has been given a new dignity. And the fact that the roles of choruses are being filled by real men who have proved themselves such makes a difference widely observed on the dark side of the footlights in London theaters.

**RIVAL LONDON BUSES WORRY TUBE LINE**  
Underground Tried to Get Exclusive Right to Streets, but Failed.

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**COLLINS HIGHLY PRIZED ROOSEVELT SOUVENIR**  
Plaque With Head and Inscription in His Office.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, London, Sept. 2.—Among the few ornaments in Michael Collins's office in the Irish Government Building here was a bronze plaque with Roosevelt's head and an inscription engraved on it. It had been presented to him by some of his friends in America.

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**IRISH REBELS KEPT ON CONTINUAL HIKE AND NO PLACE TO GO**  
Diary of Captured Intelligence Officer Reveals Morale Decreasing.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Dublin, Sept. 2.—The life of the rebels in Ireland nowadays consists mainly in long, hard, rapid hikes over rough ground, judging from the diary of an intelligence officer who was captured and questioned yesterday. There is a growing discouragement among the rebel forces as stronghold after stronghold in all parts of the country falls into the hands of the Free State army. Everywhere the rebels are retreating and they are also met everywhere by the jeers of the people, as is shown by the entries in the diary recording these forced marches from place to place and nowhere in particular.

**LONG MARCHES MADE IN WIND AND RAIN AND NO TOWNS IN WHICH TO REST.**  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Dublin, Sept. 2.—An entry dated July 15 says: "The civil population is increasingly hostile. The enemy knows exactly where our men are billeted and comes along under cover of darkness and cuts them off."

**EX-SERVICE MEN HOSTILE**  
An entry dated two days later reveals that ex-service men were actively obstructing the rebels' operations. "Ex-service men in Carrick are inclined to become nasty. I suppose they expect their former comrades to return. We have taken positions on the bridges and have fired a few salutes with machine guns, but when the ex-soldiers were ordered off the streets they refused to go. We finally beat them off the streets with the butts of our rifles."

**RAID EMILY IN COUNTY LIMERICK.**  
The diary reveals that they were in such a condition they decided to risk raiding the town of Emily in County Limerick. "But we did not have a signal cabin and cut the wires to Drunkum. Most of the boys were hardly able to drag themselves along and some of the old soldiers said they never experienced anything as bad in France. It was a terrible march to Barrington's Bridge. When we reached there we had only about half the column still with us. The last entry, dated August 17, says: "Not much to record to-day. Every one was in bed all day, and I don't think a battle raging about would awaken them."

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